

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Downtown Assoc. of Fairbanks, Comm. Services, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 51-0591306****Project Title:**

Downtown Association of Fairbanks, Community Services, Inc. - Downtown Fairbanks Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$ 20,000
One-Time Need**House District: 10 - E****Brief Project Description:**

Funding for the Community Service Patrol.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$207,063**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other	\$182,500	FY 07 - FY 11				
Total	\$182,500					

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Please see attached letter for funding detail.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:****Community Service Patrol**

An integral part of keeping downtown Fairbanks "Safe and Secure", our Downtown Ambassadors, working in close liaison with our local police, ensures that our downtown streets remain safe and welcoming for visitors and residents alike – 7 days a week. As a member of the Golden Heart Project, a collaborative community effort aimed at trying to solve the issue of chronic inebriates in our downtown area, our ambassadors are also the front line in helping inebriates off the street and into rehabilitation in a humane approach.

Funding will be used to continue this critical joint program. It costs \$207,063.20 per annum to provide for bare-bones program comprising of 3 full-time year-round employees serving a joint driver/ambassador role (ideal operation is 6). Without these funds, this program would not be able to operate within the minimum safety number of employees. Every dollar ensures that this critical, uniquely collaborative program remains in place as the only long term solution to addressing the needs of safety and security in our downtown and providing an "off the street, into treatment" solution for those who so vitally need it.

From monthly statistics kept over the last four years, when fully funded, the CSP picks up two times more individuals than the police. Should the program be forced to end, those numbers -approximately 5,000 individuals in 2005 of which 4,400 were picked up by the CSP - will shift to the police department, severely impacting their services.

The importance of this program from an economic development viewpoint as we enter into a revitalization of downtown Fairbanks cannot be understated. The importance to the individual chronic inebriate at 40 degrees below zero is life or death.

Project Timeline:

The funds will be utilized throughout the year.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Grant Recipient

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



April 23, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Governor Palin:

On behalf of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks, the Fairbanks Native Association, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fairbanks Parking Authority and Fairbanks Police Department, I would like to thank you for your consideration of funding the only program in Fairbanks that addresses the social, health, safety and economic development issues surrounding the growing problem of chronic inebriates within our downtown.

The Downtown Association of Fairbanks' Community Service Patrol (CSP), working with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fairbanks Police Department and Fairbanks Native Association provide a humane and comprehensive partnership to address this issue known as Golden Heart Project's "Off the Street, Into Treatment".

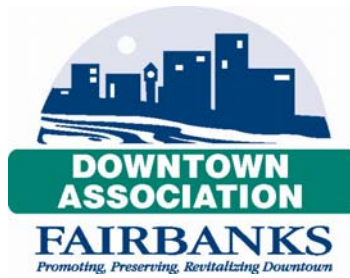
As part of this collaboration, the Community Service Patrol Ambassadors coordinate the front line service, from on-the-street foot patrol intervention, to assessment and transportation by the CSP van to an appropriate facility such as the Emergency Room, the Correctional Center, a relative's home, or FNA's Detox program where additional treatment is available.

Each dollar of the \$20,000 requested will contribute directly to wages to continue this critical program for 2008. It costs \$207,063.20 per annum to provide for a bare-bones program comprising of 3 full-time year-round employees serving a joint driver/ambassador role (ideal operation is 6). Without these funds, this program would not be able to operate within the minimum safety number of employees and the burden would be left in full on already stretched emergency services.

Employee Salaries:	\$27.43 per hour = \$171,163.20 per annum.
Employee Insurance Per Annum:	\$5,400
Fuel:	\$10,500
Equipment (Breathalyzer, Uniform etc)	\$10,000
Van Maintenance & Insurance:	
In-Kind Donation, City of Fairbanks (Value: \$10,000)	
Total:	\$207,063.20

Current Sustainable Funding slated by Partners for a minimum of 5 years:

\$79,000 Downtown Association of Fairbanks
\$40,000 Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
\$35,000 Fairbanks Native Association/Tanana Chiefs Conference
\$10,000 Fairbanks Parking Authority
<u>\$10,000 In-Kind Donation City of Fairbanks</u>
\$182,500



Every call that the Community Service Patrol Ambassadors are available to answer, represents a call that the police, fire department, or ambulance will not be required to answer. From monthly statistics kept over the last four years, we know that, when fully funded, the CSP picks up two times more individuals than the police. Should the program be forced to end, those numbers—approximately 5,000 individuals in 2005 of which 4,400 were picked up by the CSP—will shift to the police department, severely impacting their services.

The importance of this program from an economic development viewpoint as we enter into a revitalization of our downtown area cannot be understated. The importance to the individual chronic inebriate at 40 degrees below zero is life or death.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. We would be pleased to provide any additional information you would like, either records documenting the past four years of pick ups, police and emergency room contacts, or a closer budget breakdown.

Sincerely,

Emma Wilson
Executive Director
Downtown Association of Fairbanks
*"Promoting, Preserving and Revitalizing
Downtown Fairbanks"*

From: Shultz, Mike [MichaelShultz@clearchannel.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 7:37 PM

Subject: AMBASSADOR SECURITY FOR DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

To whom it may concern:

The security unit for the Downtown Association has been vital in insuring that our business has been free of unwanted individuals. When we do have any indigents, we call the security unit and they immediately come and take the inebriates away. Our business has prospered thanks to their watchful eye. They are always coming in and checking up on us, and are always friendly and professional. Please do all you can to see that they are retained as they have developed a presence within the community that commands respect, and trust from the business leaders and the indigents that reside within the community.

Thank you,

Mike Shultz
Co Owner Glow Putt Alaska



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April 22, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that Governor Palin has requested that the Fairbanks Downtown Association's '07 request for \$20,000.00 to support ongoing *Community Service Patrol* (CSP) operations be revisited in the legislature's consideration of the FY'08 capital budget. I am writing to relate my support – in the strongest possible terms – regarding this request.

The *Community Service Patrol* provides a critical function in the Fairbanks area, picking up and transporting chronic inebriates to an appropriate point-of-care. The program currently provides approximately 50% of such transports, therefore removing a significant burden from the Fairbanks Police Department, to whom these duties otherwise fall.

The Fairbanks Community- most notably through the efforts of our *Golden Heart Project* coalition (whose active partners include Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fairbanks Native Association, Fairbanks Police Department, Fairbanks Community Mental Health, and the Fairbanks Downtown Association) have spent considerable time and effort over the past three years working with the State Legislature and Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to secure the funding necessary for the construction of an *Enhanced Detox Center* in Fairbanks. This facility will provide both increased bed-space and appropriate diagnosis and treatment for chronic inebriates with co-occurring mental health disorders. In order for this systematic approach to work effectively, *chronic inebriates must first be located and transported to the facility in a timely manner.*

When the Fairbanks Native Association's CSP program was discontinued due to cuts in Federal SAMHSA funding, our local Downtown Association "stepped up to the plate" and has delivered a comparable, cost-effective program that is meeting the needs of our community. I urge you to do everything possible to see that this program receives the funding necessary to continue their operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel P. Hoffman'.

Daniel P. Hoffman, Chief
Fairbanks Police Department

cc Mayor Terry Strle, City of Fairbanks



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Fairbanks Native Association

April 22, 2008

Representative Ramras,

I am writing to ask your help in supporting the critical services provided to Fairbanks through the Community Service Patrol (CSP). As you may know, Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) has worked closely with the Downtown Association to insure that the CSP drivers are available to help our community by responding to calls to pick up chronic inebriates—many of whom, according to recent mental health assessments, are dually diagnosed with significant mental health issues— and transport these individuals to an appropriate facility. Usually, this will be the Hospital Emergency Room, the Corrections Center, FNA's Detox Unit, or a safe home.

Today, we are asking for you to once again help the CSP with funding that will make the difference between maintaining the current minimum level three person patrol, and not having the funds to safely continue the program at all.

The members of the Golden Heart Project, including Fairbanks Native Association, the Downtown Association, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, the City of Fairbanks, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Tanana Chiefs Conference, the Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health Center, and many other individuals and agencies approach this as a high priority for the safety of our community.

The CSP is best understood as a community service that responds to a direct community need. The safety and security of our streets, our businesses, residents and visitors, are all involved. The security provided by the CSP is also directly correlated with saving lives, as the safety of these individuals, who are frequently victimized, has been documented through years of accumulated statistics.

Thank you again for your help and understanding of the importance of this service, and your consideration of the Downtown Association's request to help stabilize funding for the CSP. Your support for this critical service will insure that Fairbanks continues to thrive as a safe, welcoming community in the heart of Interior Alaska.

Sincerely,

Elyse Guttenberg
Director, Planning and Development
Fairbanks Native Association